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1. On 9 July 1951, a train consisting of several carloads of Soviet troops and 50 old and worn radio-telegraph trucks passed through Kargowa railroad station (Q53/W51) moving westward. No military transports passed through Kargowa between 28 June and 23 July, 1951. Between 24 July and 31 July 1951 three or four transports of about 60 Soviet troop cars each passed through Kargowa daily moving westward. The Soviet troops were unarmed; each train also contained a prison car. In addition to these transports a heavily loaded transport moved toward the west through Kargowa station each day during the last week in July. These trains consisted of a powerful engine, a military guard car followed by four empty two-axle boxcars, 30 to 35 apparently heavily loaded four-axle sealed boxcars, four empty two-axle open cars and a military escort car. Every other loaded car carried an armed sentry. The train crew was German; a Polish pilot accompanied the train between Braniow and Guben.
2. During the last week of July 1951 a military transport consisting of flatcars carrying about 20 T-34 tanks, 12 light armored cars and 4 Katyusha rocket launchers passed through Zabierzow railroad station (Q51/Z15) toward the west. Military transports are now travelling by day through main rail junctions, and military equipment is not covered as it has been until recently.

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